



# C-ROB



## *California Rehabilitation Oversight Board*

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Dear Governor and Legislative Leaders:

The Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007 (Assembly Bill 900) established the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) within the Office of the Inspector General. C-ROB's 11-member board is made up of state and local law enforcement, education, treatment, and rehabilitation professionals who are mandated to regularly examine and report on rehabilitative programming provided by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to the inmates and parolees under its supervision.

C-ROB held its first meeting on June 19, 2007 and submitted its introductory report to the Governor and the Legislature on July 15, 2007, as required by statute. This document, which represents the Board's first substantive report, is based primarily on information provided by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation at the five public meetings held since the Board's inception.

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This report commends the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for committing to an evidence-based rehabilitative treatment model, as recommended by the Expert Panel on Adult Offender and Recidivism Reduction Programming in their report to the Legislature in June 2007. This report also notes that CDCR has taken some important first steps toward implementing this model. For example, the Department has begun conducting risk assessments on inmates when they arrive at reception and prior to their release on parole.

However, the report also raises concerns regarding the status of CDCR's rehabilitative programming efforts. Specifically, the report cites the need for a comprehensive and integrated plan dedicated specifically to improving rehabilitative programming. As just one example, this plan must outline how and when the assessments that are currently being conducted will be translated into case management plans and ultimately how they will result in increased rehabilitative programming for inmates and parolees.

While C-ROB has been impressed by the level of cooperation it has received from departmental representatives, ultimately this report is limited by the scope of information that CDCR was able to provide to the Board. The Department must provide C-ROB with detailed information, particularly concerning its planning efforts, in order for future reports to effectively capture the information that C-ROB is mandated to report.

While C-ROB recognizes that correctional change will take time, the Board is also aware that there have been multiple attempts over the years to improve California's correctional system. Unfortunately, many of these efforts did not survive the passage of time. The state cannot afford to fail in its current reforms. C-ROB is determined to vigilantly monitor and support these efforts until California has successfully implemented a sustainable and effective rehabilitative treatment model.

As the Chair of the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board, I submit this report for your review. On behalf of the Board, I invite your feedback, as well as feedback from members of the public as we strive to improve this process.

Sincerely,



MATTHEW L. CATE  
Chairman

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